

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey, on January 24, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)  
Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Pat Connell (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 120, 1/19/2017; HB 122, 1/19/2017

00:00:01 Chair Buttrey

**HEARING ON HB 122**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:13 Rep. Casey Schreiner (D), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB 122. Revise Board of Realty Regulation.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:35 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)  
[EXHIBIT\(bus17a01\)](#)

00:07:39 Mark Simonich, Montana Association of Realtors  
[EXHIBIT\(bus17a02\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:11:27 Sen. Brown  
00:12:29 Ms. Bovington, DLI  
00:12:53 Sen. Facey  
00:13:13 Rep. Schreiner  
00:13:30 Chair Buttrey  
00:13:47 Ms. Bovington  
00:13:54 Chair Buttrey  
00:13:58 Rep. Schreiner  
00:14:06 Sen. Connell  
00:14:10 Chair Buttrey

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:14:23 Rep. Schreiner

00:15:07 Chair Buttrey

**HEARING ON HB 120**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:15:35 Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 120. Revise insurance laws pertaining to NAIC accreditation.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:17:16 Dan Stusek, office of Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, State Auditor (CSI)  
00:21:27 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company (SFIC)  
00:21:52 Bruce Spencer, Allstate Insurance Company, America's Health Insurance Plans  
00:22:26 Jon Metropoulos, Farmers Insurance Group, American Insurance Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:23:05 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association  
00:23:20 Chair Buttrey left the hearing. Vice Chair Brown assumed the role of Chair.

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:26:37 Sen. Facey  
00:30:10 Mr. Van Horssen, SFIC  
00:30:17 Chair Buttrey resumed the role as Chair.  
00:30:21 Sen. Brown  
00:33:08 Mr. Stusek, CSI

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:33:16 Rep. Bachmeier

**Committee Business:**

00:34:20 Chair Buttrey  
00:34:48 Sen. Connell  
00:35:02 Sen. Facey  
00:35:08 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
00:35:29 Sen. Facey  
00:35:32 Chair Buttrey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 8:43 AM

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([bus17aad.pdf](#))